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P A S T O R's
NEW-YEAR's GIFT
TO HIS
LITTLE FLOCK,

TEACHING THEM

How to serve GOD, and be happy, both
here and hereafter.

*The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Knowledge,
but Fools despise Wisdom and Instruction.*

*Whofo hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be
quiet from Fear of Evil.*

Proverbs, Chap. I. v. 7. 33.

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NEW-YEAR'S GIFT

LITTLE FLOCK



T O T H E
CHILDREN OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS
I N T H E
District of St. J O H N's Church,
M A N C H E S T E R.

Dear Children,

I Had lately the Happiness of instructing you in the great and Important Duties of Religion, by explaining to you the Church Catechism; and I trust that what you then heard still remaineth as good Seed in your Hearts, and will spring up in every Part of your future Lives, and bear the blessed Fruit of Piety, Virtue, and Peace. Having now ceased, for a Time, from that pleasing, and, I hope profitable Work, I have not however ceased from being watchful over you, and attentive to your best Interests. I have therefore drawn out for your Use the Advice of a wise and good Parent to his Child, and do here recommend it, with much Earnestness, and tender Affection, to your Perusal, and Consideration. You will find it to be full of Wisdom, and good Instruction, and if you suffer it to sink deep into your Hearts, I doubt not but it will make you also wise unto every Thing that can be good
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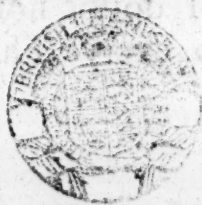
and happy for you, either in this Life, or that which is to come.

You are now at an Age when you will want all Helps to keep you in the Way of your Duty. Temptations, both from within and from without, will begin to crowd thick upon you, and if you are not upon your Guard, you will forget all the good Advice which you have received, and will turn your Backs upon your heavenly Father, and the Joys of his eternal Kingdom. Let me hope however that you will have Grace to stand against all the Assaults of your spiritual Enemies, and that you will always be glad to hearken unto good Counsel, and to profit by it. It is in this Hope that I present you with the following little admonitory Treatise, which I could wish you always to carry about with you, I do not mean in your Pockets, but in your Hearts. You will then always live near unto *Jesus Christ*; you will have your young Minds always seasoned with his holy Grace, Fear, and Love; you will thus grow daily in all heavenly Graces and Virtues, and will thereby be preserved from all that Evil and Misery, which must, sooner or later, come upon all those that forget their Maker and Redeemer.

That the holy *Jesus* may bless this Advice to your everlasting Good, is the fervent Prayer of your Pastor that greatly loves you,

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PASTOR'S NEW-YEAR'S GIFT, &c.

PATERNUS lived about two hundred Years ago; he had but one Son, whom he educated himself at his own House. As they were sitting together in the Garden, when the Child was ten Years old, *Paternus* thus began to him.

The little time that you have been in the World, my Child, you have spent wholly with me; and my Love, and Tenderness to you, have made you look upon me as your only Friend and Benefactor, and the Cause of all the Comfort and Pleasure that you enjoy: Your Heart, I know, would be ready to break with Grief, if you thought this was the last Day that I should live with you.

But, my Child, though you now think yourself mighty happy, because you have hold of my Hand, you are now in the Hands, and under the tender Care of a much greater Father, and Friend, than I am, whose Love to you is far greater than mine, and from whom you receive such Blessings as no Mortal can give.

That God, whom you have seen me daily worship; whom I daily call upon to bless both you, and me, and all Mankind; whose wondrous

drous Acts are recorded in those Scriptures which you constantly read: That God, who created the Heavens and the Earth; who brought a Flood upon the old World; who saved *Noah* in the Ark; who was the God of *Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob*; whom *Job* blessed and praised in the greatest Afflictions; who delivered the *Israelites* out of the Hands of the *Egyptians*; who was the Protector of righteous *Joseph*, *Moses*, *Joshua*, and holy *Daniel*; who sent so many Prophets into the World; who sent his Son *Jesus Christ* to redeem Mankind: This God, who has done all these great Things, who has created so many Millions of Men that lived and died before you was born; with whom the Spirits of good Men, that are departed this Life, now live; whom infinite Numbers of Angels now worship in Heaven; this great God, who is the Creator of all Worlds, of Angels, and Men, is your loving Father and Friend, your good Creator and Nourisher, from whom, and not from me, you received your Being ten Years ago, at the Time that I planted that little tender Elm which you there see.

I Myself am not half the Age of this shady Oak, under which we sit; many of our Fathers have sat under its Boughs; we have all of us called it Ours in our Turn, though it stands, and drops it's *Masters*, as it drops it's Leaves.

You see, my Son, this wide and large Firmament over our Heads, where the Sun, and Moon, and all the Stars appear in their Turns.

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If you was to be carried up to any of these Bodies at this vast Distance from us, you would still discover others as much above you, as the Stars which you see here are above the Earth. Were you to go up or down, East or West, North or South, you would find the same Height without any Top, and the same Depth without any Bottom.

And yet, my Child, so great is our God, that all these Bodies added together, are but as a Grain of Sand in his Sight. And yet you are as much the Care of this great God and Father of all Worlds, and all Spirits, as if he had no Son but you, or there were no Creature for him to love and protect but you alone. He numbers the Hairs of your Head, watches over you sleeping or waking, and has preserved you from a thousand Dangers, which neither you nor I know any thing of.

How poor my Power is, and how little I am able to do for you, you have often seen. Your late Sickness has shewn you how little I could do for you in that State, and the frequent Pains in your Head are plain Proofs that I have no Power to remove them.

I can bring you Food, and Medicines, but have no Power to turn them into your Relief and Nourishment; it is God alone that can do this for you.

Therefore, my Child, fear, and worship, and love God. Your Eyes indeed cannot see him, but all Things that you see are so many Marks
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of his Power and Presence, and he is nearer to you than any Thing that you can see.

Take him for your *Lord*, and *Father*, and *Friend*; look up unto him as the Fountain and Cause of all the Good that you have received through my Hands, and reverence me only as the Bearer, and Minister of God's good Things unto you. And he that blessed my Father, before I was born, will bless you when I am dead.

Your Youth and little Mind is only yet acquainted with my Family, and therefore you think there is no Happiness out of it.

But, my Child, you belong to a greater Family than mine; you are a younger Member of the Family of this Almighty Father of all Nations, who has created infinite Orders of Angels, and numberless Generations of Men, to be Fellow-members of one and the same Society in Heaven.

You do well to reverence and obey my Authority, because God has given me Power over you, to bring you up in his Fear, and to do for you, as the holy Fathers, recorded in Scripture, did for their Children, who are now in Rest and Peace with God.

I shall in a short Time die, and leave you to God, and yourself; and if I be approved before God, I shall go to *Jesus Christ*, and live among *Patriarchs*, and *Prophets*, *Saints* and *Martyrs*, where I shall pray for you, and hope for your safe Arrival at the same happy Place.

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Therefore, my Child, meditate on these great Things, and your Soul will soon grow great and noble by meditating upon them.

Let your Thoughts often leave these Gardens, these Fields and Farms, and all the Things of this lower World, to contemplate upon God and Heaven, to consider upon Angels, and the Spirits of good Men living in the Light and Glory of the eternal World.

As you have been used to look to me in all your Actions, and have been afraid to do any thing, unless you first knew my Will; so let it now be a Rule of your Life to look up to God in all your Actions, to do every thing in his Fear, and to abstain from every thing that is not according to his Will.

Bear him always in your Mind, teach your Thoughts to reverence him in every Place, for there is no Place where he is not.

God keepeth a *Book of Life*, wherein all the Actions of all Men are written; your Name is there, my Child, and when you die this Book will be laid open before Men and Angels, and according as your Actions are there found, you will either be received to the Happiness of those holy Men who have died before you, or be turned away from Heaven amongst wicked Spirits, that are never to see God any more.

Never forget this Book, my Son, for it is written, it must be opened, you must see it, and you must be tried by it. Strive therefore to fill it with your good Deeds, that the Hand-

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writing of God may never appear against you.

God, my Child, in *Jesus Christ*, is all Love, and Wisdom, and Goodness, and every Thing that he has made, and every Action that he does, is the Effect of them all. Therefore you cannot please *Jesus Christ*, but so far as you strive to walk in Love, Wisdom, and Goodness. As all Love, Wisdom, and Goodness, proceed from *Jesus Christ*, and are his Spirit, so Nothing but Love, Wisdom, and Goodness can lead to *Jesus Christ*, and unite you with him.

When you love that which *Jesus Christ* loves, you act with him, you join yourself to him, you are united with him in one Spirit; and when you love what he dislikes, then you oppose him, and separate yourself from him. This is the true and the right Way to everlasting Life and Happiness; think what the Lord *Jesus Christ* loves, and do you love and practice it with all your Heart, and Mind and Strength.

First of all, my Child, worship and adore *Jesus Christ*; believe in him as your Saviour, and your God; he is the great eternal invisible Jehovah made manifest in the Flesh, in order to bring you and all Mankind to everlasting Life; he is God made Man in one Person, that he might become a Redeemer of sinful and fallen Men, by inviting, drawing, and turning them to himself; love then and adore this redeeming God; think of him magnificently, speak of him reverently, magnify his Providence, adore his redeeming Grace and Love; study his holy
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Will and Word, frequent his Service, and pray unto him frequently and constantly, for his Grace and holy Spirit, to make you his wise, and good, and eternally happy Child.

Next to this learn to love your Neighbour, which is all Mankind, with such Tenderneſs and Affection as you love yourſelf. Think how *Jeſus Chriſt* loves all Mankind, how merciful he is to them, how carefully he preſerves them, how tender he is of them, and then ſtrive to love the World, and all People in it, as *Jeſus Chriſt* loves them.

Jeſus Chriſt would have all Men to be happy, therefore do you will, and deſire the ſame. All Men are great Inſtances of the Divine Love, therefore let all Men be Inſtances of your Love.

But above all, my Son, mark this; never do any thing through Strife, or Envy, or Vain-glory. Never do any thing in Order to excel other People, but in Order to pleaſe *Jeſus Chriſt*, and becauſe it is his Will that you ſhould do every Thing in the beſt Manner that you can.

For if it is once a Pleaſure to you to excel other People, it will by Degrees be a Pleaſure to you, to ſee other People not ſo good as yourſelf.

Remember that there is but one Man in the World, with whom you are to have perpetual Contention, and be always ſtriving to exceed him, and that is Yourſelf.

Banish therefore every Thought of *Self-pride*, and *Self-diſtinction*, and accuſtom yourſelf to

rejoice in all the Excellencies and Perfections of your Fellow-creatures, and be as glad to see any of their good Actions as your own.

For as *Jesus Christ* is as well pleased with their well-doings as with your's, so you ought to desire that every Thing that is wise, and holy, and good, may be performed in as perfect a Manner by other People as by yourself.

Let this therefore be your only Motive and Spur to all good Actions, honest Industry, and Business, to do every Thing in as perfect and excellent a Manner as you can, for this only Reason, because it is pleasing to *Jesus Christ*, who desires your Perfections, and writes all your Actions in a Book.

Love Humility in all it's Instances, practise it in all it's Parts, for it is the noblest State of the Soul of Man; it will set your Heart and Affections right towards God, and fill you with every Temper that is tender and affectionate towards Men.

Let every Day therefore be a Day of Humility; condescend to all the Weakness and Infirmities of your Fellow-Creatures, cover their Frailties, love their Excellencies, encourage their Virtues, relieve their Wants, rejoice in their Prosperities, compassionate their Distress, receive their Friendship, overlook their Unkindness, forgive their Malice, be a Servant of Servants, and condescend to do the lowest Offices to the lowest of Mankind.

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I am teaching you to read, my Son, not that you should be vain of such an Accomplishment, or exercise it in the reading of vain, and trifling Books, for I would not have you indulge in any such foolish Pleasures, because they are opposite to the holy Will and Wisdom of *Jesus Christ*, and his Gospel.

But I teach you to read that you may be enabled thereby to nourish your Soul with useful and edifying Learning; that you may study the Word of God; that you may look into the Writings of good and wise Men; and may see how Wisdom and Virtue have been the Praise of great Men of all Ages, and fortify your Mind by their wise Sayings against Falshood and Error.

You have hitherto, my Child, prayed to, and served God Almighty, merely out of regard to my Precepts, and Example, because you saw me do so, and because I recommended it to you to do the same; but it is now Time that I press these holy Duties upon you by more powerful Obligations, and shew you, from the Frame and Constitution of your own Nature, that to love, and serve God, is the only true Happiness to which you can ever attain.

Remember then that you are a *spiritual* Being. I do not mean that you have not a Body which wanteth Meat, and Drink, and Sleep, and Cloathing, but that under that Body there dwelleth a *Soul*, or *Spirit*, and that all that deserves to be called *you*, is Nothing else but this
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Soul, or Spirit, which was made in the Image of God, to live for ever, never to cease any more, but to enjoy Life, and Wisdom, and Knowledge, and Happiness, in the Presence of God, and the Societies of Angels, and glorious Spirits, to all Eternity.

Every Thing that you call yours, besides this Soul, or Spirit, is but like your *Cloathing*, Something that is only to be used for a while, and then to end, and die, and wear away, and to signify no more to you, than the Cloathing and Bodies of other People.

But, my Child, you are not only in this Manner a *Spirit*, but you are also a *fallen Spirit*, that began your Life in a State of Corruption, and Disorder, full of Tempers and Passions, opposite to the holy Light and Love of *Jesus Christ*, the Spirit of the Kingdom of Heaven, and all true Charity towards your Neighbour.

That this is the Truth I could abundantly convince you from the sacred Word of God, but I choose rather to appeal, in this Case, to your own Experience, which must doubtless, before this Time, have made you very sensible, and certain, of what I am now telling you.

For do you not find, at Times, many bad Passions, and evil Dispositions, rising up in your Heart, that are opposite to Goodness and Truth? Do you not feel Anger, Resentment, Envy, Pride, Malice, Disobedience, and other evil Propensities of the like Nature, stirring,
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on certain Occasions, within your Bosom, and making there, as it were, a little temporary Hell by their malignant Influence?

You must certainly, my Child, at Times, have found this to be the Case with you, and you need no more convincing Proof than this to assure you, that the Spirit which dwelleth in you, under the outward Covering of the Body, is in a very corrupt and distempered State, and that you naturally love yourself better than *Jesus Christ* and your Neighbour, and this World better than the Kingdom of Heaven; for if you was truly filled with the Grace and Love of *Jesus Christ*, you would then find no such evil Passions, and Tempers, stirring within you.

Let this Consideration then, of the corrupt State of your own Heart by Nature, teach you the Necessity of applying unto *Jesus Christ*, for his Grace to preserve you from all those deadly Evils that you find within yourself; let it make you more watchful over your own Heart, and more distrustful of your own Guidance, that you may never yield to the Influence of those bad Passions which are so near you, and ever ready to devour you.

Let it teach you the Excellence of all sound Wisdom, and true Religion, by Obedience to whose Dictates you will be enabled finally to triumph over all the Corruptions of your Nature, and to attain unto all that Holiness, Purity, Peace and Blessedness of a divine Nature,

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to which you are called as a young Child of *Jesus Christ*.

Let it lay upon you a stronger Obligation to the Practise of Holiness, and the Love of God, than either my Precepts or Example can do; for all that I can teach, or recommend to you, is but a Sort of *outward* Admonition; but in the Corruptions of your own Nature you will find an *inward* Monitor calling you continually unto *Jesus Christ*.

Attend therefore diligently, my Son, to the different Workings of Good and Evil in your own Heart; learn carefully to distinguish the one from the other; remember that the former is of heavenly Extraction, coming from *Jesus Christ*, and if you cleave diligently unto it, it will open Heaven to you, and make you a blessed Angel to live in Heaven to all Eternity; but the latter is of hellish Extraction, coming from the Devil, and if you suffer yourself to be led away by it, it will plunge you into all Misery and Darkness, and unite you in Fellowship with those miserable Beings who never behold the Presence of God.

All good Men have felt more or less of an internal War arising from the Opposition of these two Principles within them; and they have been taught thereby that the one Thing necessary for all the World, is this, to cherish and perfect all that is holy, humble, loving, obedient, charitable, temperate, wise and divine in our Natures, as coming from *Jesus Christ*

Christ, and to mortify, remove, and destroy, all Vanity, Pride, Malice, Envy, Sensuality, and every other disorderly Affection of corrupt Nature, as coming from that Enemy, who *goeth about as a roaring Lion seeking whom he may devour.*

You see then your State, my Child; you are to guard against the evil Passions of your own Heart; you are to honour, improve, and perfect the Spirit that is within you; you are to prepare it for the kingdom of Heaven; to nourish it with the Love of *Jesus Christ*, and of Virtue; to adorn it with good Works, and to make it as holy, wise, and heavenly as you can. You are to preserve it from the Errors and Vanities of the World; to save it from the Corruptions of the Flesh, from those false Delights, and sensual Tempers, which the Flesh exposes it to be tempted with.

You are to nourish your Soul with pious Reading, and holy Meditation, with Watching, Fasting, and Prayer, that so you may taste and relish that eternal State, which is to begin when this Life ends.

As to your Body, you are to consider it as a poor, perishing Thing, that is sickly and corrupt at present, and will soon drop into common Dust. You are to watch over it as an Enemy, that is always trying to tempt and betray you, and so never follow its Advice and Counsel; you are nevertheless to consider it as the Place and Habitation of your Soul, and so keep it

pure, and clean and decent; you are to consider it as the Servant, and Instrument of Action, and so give it needful Food, and Rest, and Raiment, that it may be strong and healthful to do the Duties of a charitable, useful, pious Life.

Whilst you live thus, my Child, you are living like yourself, and like that heavenly Being which God intended to make you; and in living thus you will find *Jesus Christ* ever near to you, and present with you, comforting you with his Love, enlightening you with the bright Beams of his Wisdom, defending you with his Power, and Providence, causing you to grow daily in his Grace, and thus ripening you daily for the Kingdom of Glory.

For observe these Flowers, and Trees, in the Garden here, how they grow, when they are planted in good Soil, and exposed to the Sun's Heat, and Light, and the Rain from Heaven.

Now *Jesus Christ*, my Child, is the glorious Sun of all Spirits, and if your Soul be planted in the Soil of holy Virtues, and exposed to the Influences of his Fear, and Love, and watered with the Rain of his heavenly Doctrines, it will then as certainly grow up unto the Perfections of it's Nature, and become a glorious Plant in the Paradise of God, as these Trees and Flowers grow up to the Perfection of their Natures, and add thereby to the Beauty and Glory of this terrestrial Garden.

I must here however beg Leave to advertise you of one Thing, which perhaps at present you are little aware of, and which for want of Notice may prove a mighty Danger and Snare to you.

You cannot live this good Life, and serve *Jesus Christ*, as I have been recommending to you, without meeting with Temptations in your Way, which, if you are not strong enough to withstand them, may turn you back from the Kingdom of Heaven.

We live at present in a very naughty World, in which there are but few People who are rightly affected with these great Truths; you will see Men about you living as if they were never to die, and spending their Time here as if there was no hereafter; you will hear but little perhaps about *Jesus Christ*, and the Kingdom of Heaven, amongst your Neighbours, and Acquaintance; and this, if you are not upon your Guard, may tempt you to be indifferent about such Things, and to live idly, carelessly, and wickedly, like other People with whom you converse.

But, my Child, let not the foolish Conduct of other Persons affect you; the World is in a great Dream, and but few People are awake in it.

Do not then believe the World, but believe *Jesus Christ* and his Gospel; you will then always be awake to the Light of Truth, and whilst others are sleeping away their Days in

Idleness, Sin, and Vanity, to awake only unto a miserable Eternity, you will be going forward, with your Eyes always open towards the Gate of Heaven, to be received amongst those that rejoice everlastingly in the Glories of God.

Whenever therefore you see People living without the Fear and Love of *Jesus Christ*, and in Opposition to the Maxims of his pure Wisdom, fancy that you hear them telling you a great Number of wicked Lies; and give them no more Credit, than you would do to a Man, who, living in a dark Dungeon, should tell you there was no Sun, or Moon.

Consider often how powerfully you are called to a virtuous Life, and what great and glorious Things God hath done for you, and is ready to do, to make you in Love with every Thing that can promote his Glory, and if you find other People forgetting these Things, let that be a more pressing motive with you *to make your own Calling and Election sure.*

Think upon the Vanity and Shortness of human Life, and let Death and Eternity be often in your Mind; for these Thoughts will administer Strength against the Temptations of the World, will confirm your Soul in virtuous Resolutions, will exalt your Mind to heavenly Contemplations, will make you wise and judicious, and truly sensible of the Littleness of all human Things.

Think of the Happiness of the Prophets and Apostles, Saints and Martyrs, who are now rejoicing

joicing in the Presence of God, and see themselves Possessors of eternal Glory. And then think how desirable it is, to watch and pray, and do Good as they did, that when you die you may have your Lot amongst them.

The Time of practising these Precepts, my Child, will soon be over with you; the World will soon slip through your Hands, or rather you will soon slip through it; Eternity is coming on apace, and as it finds you, so you must remain; now is your Time then to become a Friend of *Jesus Christ*, and an Angel of Light, and to secure a Throne of Glory in the Regions of everlasting Peace.

One Word more, and I have done; think with yourself what a Happiness it is, that you have it in your Power to secure a Share in the Glories of Heaven, and make yourself one of those blessed Beings that are to live with God for ever. Reflect, my Child, upon the Glories of bright Angels, that shine about the Throne of Heaven; think upon that Fullness of Joy, that is the State of those who sit at the right Hand of God; and remember, that it is this same State of Glory, and Joy, that lies open for you. You are less, it may be, in worldly Distinctions, than many others; but as to your Relation to God, you have no Superior upon Earth. Let your Condition be what it will, let your Life be ever so mean, you may make the End of it the Beginning of eternal Glory. Be often therefore in these Reflections, that they
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may fill you with a wise Ambition of securing all that Glory, to which God in *Christ* hath called you. For it is impossible to understand or feel any thing of this, without feeling your Heart affected with strong Desires after it. The Hopes and Expectations of so much Greatness, and Glory, must needs awake you into earnest Desires, and Longings after it. There are many Things in human Life, which it would be in vain for you to aspire after; but the Happiness of the next, which is the Sum of all Happiness, is secure and safe to you against all Accidents. Here no Chances, or Misfortunes, can prevent your Success; neither the Treachery of Friends, nor the Malice of Enemies can disappoint you; it is only your own false Heart that can rob you of this Happiness. Be but your own true Friend, and then you have Nothing to fear from your Enemies. Do but you sincerely labour in the Lord, and then neither Heighth, nor Depth, neither Life nor Death, neither Men nor Devils can make your Labour in vain.

May the Almighty, Saviour and Redeemer *Jesus Christ*, who created you for himself, give you Grace, my Son, to love, and profit by these Instructions!

A few short RULES, which PATERNUS gave in Writing to his Son, for his daily Practice, and Observation.

1. **P**RAY earnestly to *Jesus Christ*, every Morning, and Evening, to preserve you from Sin, and to give you his heavenly Grace, to make you wise and good.

2. Spend some Part of every Day in reading the holy Scriptures, or some other pious, and edifying Book.

3. Be sure to attend God's Ordinances constantly, and devoutly, and let every Sunday find you attentive at the Church, seeking after those Things which concern your eternal Peace.

4. Keep no Company with profane and wicked Persons, lest they should corrupt you by their evil Practices.

5. Set *Jesus Christ* always before your Eyes, and let it be your constant Endeavour to please him.

6. And if at any Time you offend him, lose no Time in returning to him, and making your Peace again with him by sincere Repentance.

7. Desire Nothing so much as to become a Friend of *Jesus Christ*, and to gain more of the inestimable Riches of his Peace, and Love, in your Heart.

8. Be faithful, just, and diligent in the Labour of your Calling, and in doing whatever is given you to do, because that is very pleasing unto your Lord and Saviour.

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Besides the above RULES in Prose, PATERNUS recommended to his Son, the following short MAXIMS in Verse, that they might make a deeper Impression on his Remembrance.

WITH peaceful Mind thy Race of Duty run;
God Nothing does, or suffers to be done,
But what thou wouldst thyself if thou couldst see
Through all Events of Things as well as he.

Let thy Repentance be without Delay,
If thou defer it to another Day,
Thou must repent for a Day more of Sin,
While a Day less remains to do it in.

To be religious Something it will cost;
Some Riches, Honours, Pleasures will be lost;
But if thou countest the Sum Total o'er,
Not to be so will cost a great deal more.

Think and be *careful* what thou art within;
For there is Sin in the Desire of Sin;
Think and be *thankful* in a different Case,
For there is Grace in the desire of Grace.

Two Heavens a right contented Man surround,
One here, and one hereafter to be found;
One, in his *own* meek Bosom, here on Earth,
And one in *Abraham's*, at his future Birth.

If Gold be offered thee, thou dost not say,
To-morrow I will take it, not to Day:
Salvation offered, why art thou so cool,
To let thyself become To-morrow's Fool?

